New scheme for population control

†*216. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce any new schemes to control population growth keeping in view that the country has registered an increase in population of around Eighteen crores during the last one decade;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds Government propose to allocate for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Government proposes to introduce following schemes/initiatives under the National Family Welfare Programme to achieve the population stabilization:

1. **Janani Suraksha Yojana**

There is a proposal to introduce a Centrally Sponsored Scheme in the name of Janani Suraksha Yojana by integrating the existing National Maternity Benefit Scheme (NMBS) and the other ongoing Maternal Health Schemes. Under the scheme, cash assistance of Rs. 500/- for birth of male child and Rs. 1000/- for birth of female child to expectant women belonging to below the Poverty Line families up to two live births is proposed to be given. The scheme also proposes incentive of Rs. 25/- per case to Dais for promoting institutional delivery and cash assistance of Rs. 150/- to pregnant women from BPL family for referral transport.

The proposed outlay of the Scheme for the Tenth Five Year Plan is Rs. 500 crores.

2. **Establishing Sub Centres as per the 1991 population norm**

A sub-centre covers the population of 5000 in general and of 3000 in hilly/tribal areas. It is the most peripheral contact point between the Primary Health Care System and the Community.

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It is proposed to establish 8669 additional Sub-Centres in the country during the Tenth Plan period to address the gaps in infrastructure, as per the 1991 population norm. The proposed outlay is Rs. 406.30 crores.

3. **Participation of Men in Planned parenthood**

Under the new scheme, efforts will be made to mainstream men in planned parenthood through various service interventions like Family Planning Services (NSV and Condom), prevention and management of unwanted pregnancies, RTI/STI/HIV and AIDS, sexual disorders, counselling intervention *i.e.* to provide responsible support to partners, prevention of violence and education and counselling services for adolescent. The proposed scheme has been included in the Tenth Five Year Plan with a total allocation of Rs. 18.00 crores @ Rs. 3.6 crore per year.

In addition to the above, an autonomous Society under the title of Jansankhya Sthirata Kosh (JSK) has been registered with the seed money of Rs.100 crores to specifically aid projects for population stabilization and to provide window for canalizing funds through various sources, including contributions from Private/ Corporate and voluntary sources.

An Empowered Action Group (EAG) has been created to focus on areas specific programmes in the States of U.P., M.P., Bihar, Rajasthan, Orissa, Uttaranchal, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand. Demographic outcomes in these States will determine the timing and size at which the population of the country will stabilize. An "EAG Scheme" with an outlay of Rs. 250 crores for the Tenth Five Year Plan has been approved to address the unmet needs in these States.

Guidelines for shooting of foreign feature films

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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state: